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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: FUGITIVE BCP LEADERS IN BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA

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1. PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY HAS TOLD EMBASSY GOL INFORMED BY BOTSWANA THAT MOKHEHLE AND OTHERS FLEW TO LUSAKA ON JAN 28. LESOTHO-BOTSWANA COOPERATION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY CLOSE DURING EPISODE WITH PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN AND PRESIDENT KHAMA MAINTAINING PERSONAL CONTACT AS SOON AS BOTSWANA AWARE BCP FUGITIVES' ARRIVAL. PRESS SECRETARY SAID LESOTHO DID NOT ASK THAT THEY BE RETURNED. SEVERAL SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE REMARKED THAT THEY BELIEVE LESOTHO-BOTSWANA RELATIONS STRENGTHENED BY SMOOTH HANDLING OF AFFAIR.

2. IF BOTSWANA OFFICIALS RELIEVED (REFTEL) SO, WE IMAGINE, IS CHIEF JONATHAN. HIS ARCH-RIVAL IS GONE AND HE DOES NOT HAVE TO RISK FURTHER DISTURBANCE BY BRINGING MOKHEHLE AND
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CONFEDERATES TO TRIAL. DOUBT LESOTHO WILL PRESS ZAMBIA OR

OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE BCP LEADERS MAY GO ON EXTRADITION.

3. WE UNDERSTAND MOKHEHLE ISSUED STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL ZAMBIA.
IF AVAILABLE, WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT FROM EMBASSY LUSAKA.
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